

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MARCH 4, 2015  
TOWN HALL  
6:30 PM**

Board of Selectmen Members Present: David A. Smith, Jr., Chairman  
Nadine A. Hawver, Clerk

Board of Selectmen Members Absent: Rene C. Wood

Finance Committee Members Present: David Steindler, Chairman  
Colin Smith, Vice Chairman  
John James  
David Macy

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator  
Alicia Dulin, Assistant to the Town Administrator  
Edward Lord, Highway Superintendent  
Brent Getchell, Fire Chief  
Eric R. Munson III, Police Chief

Chairman Steindler and Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**FY 2016 BUDGET:**

Administrator LaBombard stated that the invoice for Fiscal Year 2016 dispatch services has been received and there was an increase. David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Dispatch Services budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$9,411, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent Ed Lord was present to discuss the Highway Department budget. John James moved to recommend the approval of the Highway Department budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$550,952, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of Sheffield's share of the Highway Mower article for Fiscal Year 2016 up to \$60,000, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Brent Getchell was present to discuss the Fire Department budget. Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Fire Department budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$41,102, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Fire Department Compensation article for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$15,000, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Emergency Response Fund article for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$750, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Eric R. Munson III was present to discuss the Police Department budget. Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Police Department budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$456,850, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

The following budgets were discussed and approved:

John James moved to recommend the approval of the Commission on Disabilities budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$200, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

John James moved to recommend the approval of the Historical Commission budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$1,000, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Memorial Day budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$750, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the American Legion budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$500, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Care of Soldiers' Graves budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$1,400, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

John James recused himself from the discussion on the Ashley Falls Historic District Commission because he is a member of that Commission. David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Ashley Falls Historic District Commission budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$50, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried 3-0. John James abstained.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Agricultural Commission budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$1,000, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

John James moved to recommend the approval of the Interest on Loans budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$1, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Berkshire County Retirement budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$206,107, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

John James moved to recommend the approval of the Worker's Compensation budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$18,500, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Unemployment Compensation Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$1, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Group Health Insurance budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$414,000, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

John James moved to recommend the approval of the Financial Audit budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$15,000, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Insurance and Bonding budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$69,000, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Reserve Fund article for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$76,000, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Debt Service article for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$23,053, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Hawver moved to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by Chairman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Smith and Chairman Steindler adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Alicia Dulin  
Assistant to Town Administrator

Documents were reviewed at this meeting:  
Draft FY16 Budget